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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 77th plenary meeting, on 10 June 1991, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 61st and 62nd meetings, on 17 and 19 June 1991, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (A/45/242/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/1021).

3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/45/SR.61 and 62).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.32

4. At its 62nd meeting, on 19 June 1991, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.32).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.32 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of position.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991, by which the Council established, under its authority, a United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador to monitor all agreements concluded between the two parties, whose initial mandate in its first phase as an integrated peace-keeping operation, will be to verify the compliance by the parties with the San José Agreement, 1/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador 2/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

Noting that the budgetary estimates of the Mission as contained in the report of the Secretary-General amount to 31,177,700 United States dollars gross (28,782,800 dollars net) for the twelve-month period of its authorized mandate,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Urging all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payments of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time, particularly in view of the urgent need for start-up cost of the operation,

Recognizing that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/44/971-S/21541, annex.

2/ A/45/242/Add.1.

3/ A/45/1021.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States that are permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of the Mission,

1. Decides to appropriate an amount of 13,800,000 dollars gross (13,000,000 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 611,300 dollars authorized by the Secretary-General for pre-implementation costs under the terms of General Assembly resolution 44/203 of 21 December 1989, for the operation of the Mission for the six-month period from 1 July to 31 December 1991, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account in accordance with paragraph 15 of his report; 2/

2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 13,800,000 dollars gross (13,000,000 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 4/

3. Decides also that Liechtenstein shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

4. Decides further that Namibia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

5. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 2 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 800,000 dollars;

6. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador in an amount not to exceed 9,200,000 dollars gross (8,800,000 dollars net), with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1992, inclusive, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

4/ See resolutions 43/223 A and 45/256 B.

7. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador".